

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA)?



The California Independent Petroleum Association (CIPA) is a non-profit, non-partisan trade association that represents the interests of independent oil and natural gas exploration, production, and service and supply companies in California. Our membership consists of approximately 500 companies responsible for approximately 70% of the state's total oil production and 90% of its natural gas production. CIPA advocates for our members before the California State Legislature, the United States Congress, and various regulatory agencies at the federal, state, and local levels.

Q: Why is it important for California to produce its own petroleum?



California petroleum is produced under the strictest environmental and safety standards in the world. It is also important because only 22% of California's oil needs are met by in-state producers, meaning the state must import the majority of its oil from foreign countries with lower standards and regulations. By increasing in-state production, California can reduce its dependence on foreign oil and limit the influence of foreign suppliers on the state.

Q: How much oil does California produce every day?



California produces approximately 369,000 barrels of crude oil per day but consumes approximately 2 million barrels of oil daily. To meet this demand, the state must import approximately 1.6 million barrels of oil from foreign countries every day. In addition to gasoline, there are over 6,000 other products that require petroleum, including plastics, detergents, and fabrics. These products contribute to the high demand for oil in California, which requires the state to rely on both domestic and foreign sources.

Q: What are the environmental benefits of California petroleum?



California's strict environmental regulations help to ensure that the fuel produced in the state has a minimal impact on the environment. CIPA member companies have also embraced renewable technologies to make their operations more environmentally friendly and cost-effective. By producing its own fuel, California can reduce its dependence on foreign sources of oil with potentially lower environmental standards and decrease greenhouse gas emissions from fuel transportation by tanker ships. The strict regulations and adoption of renewable technologies make California's petroleum the industry a leader in climate compliant fuel.

Q: What are the economic benefits of producing fuel in California?



Producing fuel in California creates high-paying jobs, reduce dependence on foreign sources of oil, stabilize fuel prices for consumers, generate revenue for the state, and increase energy security. It can also support the state's economy by boosting local businesses and tax revenues and reduce the need for fuel transportation by tanker ships, which can decrease greenhouse gas emissions and the risk of accidents.

Q: How is oil used in the production of medical equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE)?



Oil is an important raw material in the production of medical equipment and personal protective equipment (PPE) such as IV bags, tubing, and latex gloves. These products were vital during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to be essential for healthcare workers. The oil industry plays a vital role in ensuring that healthcare workers have the necessary equipment and supplies to safely treat patients.